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The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) publishes this **weekly** bulletin containing summary descriptions of bills of interest to local government officials. **Each issue lists only the bills that have been introduced during the week. Please save this message or print it for future reference.**

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MACo & the Montana Legislature

The MACo Web site has a page at <http://www.maco.cog.mt.us/Legislature/Legislative.htm> dedicated to helping members keep track of the happenings at the 61th Montana Legislature. There you'll find MACo's resolutions, links to pertinent bills, an archive of our weekly *Legislative Updates*, links to bills and bill status reports, hearings calendars, committee listings, legislator contact information, and more.

Scheduled Hearings for March 30-April 3, 2009

The Senate Local Government Committee meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 3 p.m. in Room 405. The House Local Government Committee meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 p.m. in Room 172. MACo bills are shown below in **bold**.

Monday, March 30

	Room	Time
HB 3 Supplemental appropriations	317	8 a.m.
HB 4 Appropriations normally made by budget amendment	317	8 a.m.
HB 132 Diversion from involuntary commitment to short-term inpatient treatment	303	10 a.m.
HB 173 Appropriation for rural Montana healthcare delivery assistance pilot project	317	3 p.m.
HB 250 Revise comprehensive health care act and provide funding mechanism	317	3 p.m.
SB 76 Revise enhanced recovery of oil and gas laws	472	3 p.m.
SB 193 Survey monument preservation	472	3 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31

	Room	Time
SB 350 Revise laws on HIV testing	102	9 a.m.
SB 460 Committee to oversee and evaluate stimulus package funding	102	9 a.m.

Wednesday, April 1

	Room	Time
HB 262 Revise list of low emission wood combustion devices that qualify for tax credit	405	9 a.m.
SB 451 Repeal the Megalandfill Siting laws	472	3 p.m.

Thursday, April 2

	Room	Time
HB 636 Tax incentive to sell mobile home park to resident's group	405	9 a.m.

Projected Session Calendar

Please note: This calendar was revised by legislative leadership Dec. 4, 2008; leadership holds the authority to further revise the schedule, including the days the Legislature meets and the proposed breaks.

Projected Session Calendar, cont.

Introduction deadlines: Generally, bills and resolutions must be introduced within two legislative days after delivery. JR 40-50, H40-10. "**General bills**" is used to denote all bills, except appropriation or revenue bills, and all joint resolutions. **Notes:** Deadline dates are determined according to legislative days, using a six-day legislative week. Certain bills and resolutions relating to administrative rules may be transmitted at any time during the session. JR 40-200(3).

March 31: Transmittal of Revenue Bills
 April 2: Transmittal of amendments to General Bills
 April 4: Last day to request Study Resolution or Committee Bills to implement HB2
 April 14: Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
 April 16: Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills and Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions
 April 20: Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
 April 25: Session adjourns; Sine Die

MACo Resolutions/Legislation

No.	Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status-Date
HB 18*	Mail ballot pilot project	2008-23	Ingraham	Committee vote failed-1/26
HB 38	Revise laws to reflect passage of six-mill levy	2008-22	Campbell	Signed by governor-3/25
HB 45	Compliance w/ federal law for forest reserve payments	MACoBd	Ingraham	TX to governor-3/23
HB 60	Jail mental health crisis network standards pilot program		Ebinger	Missed deadline-3/26
HB 81	Study long-term impacts of budget/demographics		Lake	Missed deadline-3/26
HB 156	Uniform penalty/enforcement for zoning violations	2004-28	Pomnichowski	Tabled in committee-3/25
HB 180**	Montana-based business technology districts	2008-38	Pomnichowski	Tabled in committee-1/15
HB 190	Clarify stream access from bridges/fencing	2008-11	Van Dyk	Bill concurred-3/27
HB 194	County payment from hard rock mining trust account	2008-24	Mendenhall	Hearing-3/10
HB 230	Revise local government employee incentive program	2008-15	McClafferty	TX to governor-3/25
HB 232	Remove limits on PILT for state land in counties		French	Tabled in committee-2/12
HB 244	Clarify law on absence by county officer	2008-01	Ankney	TX to governor-3/23
HB 245	Authorize counties to create compensated absence fund	2008-09	Ankney	Signed by governor-3/25
HB 276	Clarify responsibility for persons injured by law enforcement	2008-20	Stoker	Missed deadline-3/26
HB 279	Indirect cost recovery exemption	2008-35	Reinhart	2 nd reading-3/27
HB 331	Revise laws relating to licensed establishments f/ health	2008-18	Morgan	Hearing-3/17
HB 406	Revise county interim zoning law		Reinhart	Missed deadline-2/26
HB 426	Clarify appt. of commissioners for regional airport authority	2008-03	Milburn	Signed by governor-3/25
HB 428	Revise requirements for technology districts	2008-38	Pomnichowski	Tabled in committee-3/25
HB 488	Revise territory transfer laws relating to K-12 school dists.	2008-29	L. Jones	New version avail.-3/26
SB 30***	Revise reimbursement for meals, lodging	MACoEC	Gebhardt	Tabled in committee-1/9
SB 57	Revise laws governing special districts	2008-33	Gillan	Rev. fiscal note printed-3/25
SB 58	Revise local government laws	2008-33	Gillan	Rev. fiscal note printed-3/24
SB 78	Clarify mill levy limit for soil conservation districts	2008-31	Brendan	Chapter no. assigned-3/20
SB 148	Revise and clarify local government laws	2008-26	Peterson	New version avail.-3/26
SB 169	Revise drug testing requirements for public officers	2008-13	Gebhardt	Tabled in committee-3/5
SB 191	Provide funding for court security	2008-11	Jent	Failed 2 nd reading-1/27
SB 208	Include non-profit hospital employees in co. health plan	MACoHCT	Lewis	TX to governor-3/26
SB 309	Increase lodging/per diem reimbursement f/ state emps.	MACoEC	Shockley	Missed deadline-3/26
SB 354	Revise law on disposal of airport property		Lewis	Missed deadline-2/26
SB 394	Mail ballot election	2008-23	Bales	Remains in committee-3/25
SJ 7	Opposition to HR 2421	2008-08	Brendan	Tabled in committee-3/13
LC0606	Revise laws governing electric transmission lines	2008-12	L. Jones	Draft on hold-11/12
LC0659	Authorize local governments to form investment pool	2008-30	Lewis	Draft on hold-11/19
LC0942	Revise laws governing local subdivision regulations	2008-07	Brueggeman	Draft on hold-1/8
LC0943	Revise impact fee laws	2008-19	Brueggeman	Draft cancelled-2/12
LC1089	Funding for grants to counties under youth court act	2008-40	McChesney	Draft on hold-12/8

MACo Resolutions/Legislation, cont.

No.	Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status-Date
LC1342	State PILT payment to offset state land purchases	2008-34	Bean	Draft on hold-12/10
LC1936	Create youth summer employment program	2006-14	Branan	Draft cancelled-1/15

* HB 18 has been replaced by SB 394

** HB 180 has been replaced by HB 428

*** SB 30 has been replaced by SB 309

Recently Introduced Bills

No.	Title
HB 663	Generally revise taxes and mitigate reappraisal
HB 666	Mitigate property tax reappraisal and equalize property taxes
HB 667	Deduct lodging and meals for attendance in Helena for certain elected officers
HB 668	Revise taxation of railroad property
HB 669	Establish wood product industry loan program
HB 670	Provide local government discretion in reducing tax value for certain property
HB 671	Revise method of calculating students
HB 672	Constitutional amendment to cap property taxes
HB 673	Narrowly mitigate reappraisal
HB 674	Generally revise laws relating to state land
HB 675	Education energy trust fund to replace statewide school mills
HB 676	Statutory implementation of general appropriations act
HB 678	Revise openpit mining laws
HB 679	Eliminate defined benefit pensions; defined contribution as default